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 REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES ✓REF: (A) STATE 11888, (B) 93 KIGALI 4523, ✓
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1. LOU-NOFORN -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. POST APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT RESPONSIVENESS TO OUR
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 COMMENTS ON THE INITIAL EDITED VERSION (REF B). WHAT
 FOLLOWS ARE FINAL OBSERVATIONS TO CORRECT FACTUAL ERRORS.

3. INTRODUCTION, PARA 7. IN SENTENCE 2 BEGINNING
 "EARLY IN THE YEAR, . . .", ADD A PERIOD AFTER "...PRESENT
 HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES." MOVE THE REMAINDER OF THE
 SENTENCE INTO SENTENCE 3 SO IT READS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE COMMISSION'S REPORT, ISSUED IN MARCH, AND THE

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UNRESOLVED POLITICAL KILLINGS IN MAY AND AUGUST OF A PROMINENT POLITICIAN AND A WELL-KNOWN LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL KEPT ALIVE FEARS OF THE POSSIBLE EXISTENCE OF A DEATH SQUAD."

RATIONALE. AS WRITTEN, THERE IS A SEQUENCING/TIME-FRAME PROBLEM. THE POLITICAL KILLINGS OF THE POLITICIAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OCCURRED IN MAY AND AUGUST, RESPECTIVELY, WELL AFTER THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION DID ITS WORK IN JANUARY. THE COMMISSION DID NOT/NOT INVESTIGATE THESE POLITICAL KILLINGS. HOWEVER, THE ASSASSINATIONS DID KEEP ALIVE FEARS OF DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITY, AS WE WROTE IN OUR INITIAL SUBMISSION (REF D).

4. SECTION 1.G., PARA 1, SENTENCE 1. QUERY REPLACING "HUMANITARIAN LAW" WITH "HUMAN RIGHTS" IN SECTION ON HUMANITARIAN LAW. SUGGEST SENTENCE READ: "BOTH GOVERNMENT AND RPF FORCES COMMITTED EXTENSIVE VIOLATIONS OF HUMANITARIAN LAW."

5. SECTION 2.B., PARA 3, SENTENCE 3. CHANGE "NOW
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NUMBERING 17" TO "NUMBERING 18".

RATIONALE. AN 18TH POLITICAL PARTY WAS FORMED IN LATE 1993. THIS COUNT DOES NOT/NOT INCLUDE THE RPF, WHICH IS NOT YET OFFICIALLY REGISTERED WITH THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR.

6. SECTION 2.D., LAST PARA, FIRST SENTENCE. PLEASE CHANGE NUMBER OF BURUNDI REFUGEES TO "NEARLY 300,000" INSTEAD OF 400,000.

RATIONALE. A CENSUS OF BURUNDI REFUGEES COMPLETED DURING THE LAST WEEK IN DECEMBER REVEALED NUMBERS SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN INITIALLY ESTIMATED. POST WILL CABLE THIS UPDATE DURING COMING WEEK.

7. SECTION 3, PARA 3, FIRST SENTENCE. PLEASE CORRECT STRANGE TYPO WHERE "1991" SHOWS UP (ON OUR COPY, AT LEAST) AS "Q00Q".

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8. SECTION 3, PARA 3, LAST SENTENCE. QUERY WHY "TRANSITION GOVERNMENT" IN INITIAL EDITED VERSION (REF C) BECAME "TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT" IN THIS VERSION. REQUEST REVERTING TO "TRANSITION GOVERNMENT."

9. SECTION 4, PARA 2, SENTENCE 2. DELETE THE APOSTROPHE THAT HAS CREPT INTO THE NAME "ALPHONSE NKUBITO".

10. SECTION 5, PARA 1 UNDER "WOMEN", LAST SENTENCE.
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CHANGE "...A WOMAN'S RIGHTS TO PROPERTY" SHOULD READ
EITHER: "A WOMAN'S RIGHT" OR "WOMEN'S RIGHTS".

11. SECTION 6.A., PARA 1 (OR IS IT 2?). OUR COPY SHOWS SOME LANGUAGE DROPPED BETWEEN THE FOURTH SENTENCE ("UNIONS...POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS.") AND THE SENTENCE ENDING "...SUBSISTENCE FARMING." RESTORE INITIAL EDIT (REF C) VERSION AS FOLLOWS:

"...POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS. ORGANIZED LABOR REPRESENTS ONLY A SMALL PART OF THE TOTAL WORK FORCE; MOST RWANDAN WORKERS--OVER 90 PERCENT--ARE ENGAGED IN SMALL-SCALE SUBSISTENCE FARMING."

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12. SECTION 6.A., PARA BEGINNING "BEFORE 1991...".
QUERY INTRODUCTION OF WORD "REGIME" WHEN INITIAL EDIT
(REF C) USED "SINGLE PARTY GOVERNMENT". PLEASE
REPLACE "REGIME" EITHER WITH "SINGLE PARTY
GOVERNMENT" OR SIMPLY "GOVERNMENT". INDEED, SUGGEST
OUR ORIGINAL LANGUAGE (REF D) IS BETTER THAN EITHER:

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"BEFORE 1991, THE CENTRAL UNION OF RWANDAN WORKERS
(CESTRAR) WAS THE ONLY AUTHORIZED TRADE UNION
ORGANIZATION IN THE COUNTRY."

RATIONALE. WHY INTRODUCE SUCH A CONNOTATIVE WORD IN
THE FINAL EDIT? THE EDITING PROCESS TORTURED THIS
SENTENCE.

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